

CITY POWERLESS
IN THE GRASP
OF FIRE FIEND

Millions of Dollars Loss and
Over Score of Lives Esti-
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Conflagration Which Swept
Hot Springs, Ark., Today.

FIRE DYING OUT
THIS AFTERNOON

Water Was Lacking to Pre-
vent Spread of the Flames
and Buildings Were Dyna-
mited in Their Path---
Searching for the Dead.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 25.—For ten hours this city has been at the mercy of the fire fiend, but this afternoon the conflagration is under control, and searchers are trying to locate the bodies of victims. It is stated that the loss of life will reach twenty-five. The property loss will reach into the millions of dollars. Practically unburned the flames swept through the city from early today, water being lacking to fight their progress. Buildings were dynamited to check this spread. Thousands of people are homeless this afternoon.

The fire started at two o'clock this morning. At seven o'clock six blocks had been burned, and the flames fanned by a high wind spread with amazing rapidity, while the Hot Springs fire department was powerless to check the onward rush because of the lack of water to fill the hose. At that time none of the large hotels had been attacked by the flames.

So swiftly did the fire work its way that one hour later a district over a mile and a half in length and several blocks wide had been devastated. At that time the loss had reached appalling figures, it being estimated that the flames had devoured over \$2,000,000. And still the fire leaped onward, unchecked and not even hindered. At that hour several lives were reported to have been lost.

By the middle of the forenoon over one hundred business houses had been destroyed and two hundred homes, driving their occupants into the streets. That many lives had been lost was certain. Sheriff Williams said that many small hotels which were destroyed were filled with guests. From the upper stories of the hotels and boarding houses, men and women jumped for their lives. Frantic persons could be seen rushing up and down the streets, wringing their hands and enquiring if their kin were among the living. The heat was intense. Most of the homeless escaped to the western part of the city.

At ten o'clock the fire attacked the south end of the residence district, a mountain of flames spreading onward. A strong wind was blowing from the south, and many of the business houses in Central Avenue had to be dynamited to save the north end of the city, where the Hotels Eastman, Arlington, Park, and the Government reservation are situated.

Among the buildings destroyed at that time were the Grand Central Hotel, the Moody House, the court house, county jail, First Methodist church, Columbia Hotel, and the House of Israel.

At one o'clock the fire was under control, and the search for the bodies of victims was started. It is believed that twenty-five lives were lost. Already two bodies have been recovered.

GRANITEVILLE.

Vermont No. 1, National Association of Stationary Engineers, will hold a regular meeting this evening, in the Presbyterian church hall at Graniteville. All members are requested to be present as business of importance is to come before the association. Also Brother Sweet, boiler inspector for the Hartford steam boiler inspection and insurance company, will be present.

Pittsford Needs Water.

Rutland, Feb. 25.—The residents of the village of Pittsford are threatened with a water famine. Many families have left their water running at all times during the past month to avoid frozen pipes, and the great waste is beginning to show its effects.

Ex-Gov. Boutwell Sick.

Groton, Mass., Feb. 25.—Ex-Gov. Boutwell is seriously ill at his home here, being threatened with pneumonia. A Boston specialist has been summoned.

Nominated as District Judge.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Joseph V. Quarles, present Senator from Wisconsin, was today nominated to be United States district judge.

\$75 IN HER STOCKING.

Bethel Woman Placed Under Arrest Yesterday.

Bethel, Feb. 25.—On Jan. 14th last, George Waldo drew \$1,300.00 from the White River bank, with the intention of purchasing a farm of Lewis Edmunds and took the money to his boarding place at Fred Spaulding's on the Barnard Creek road, about five miles from this village. This roll of bills he displayed in the house when getting home and later placed it in a napkin and put it on a mattress and under a feather tick in his bed, where for four days it was known by Waldo to be safely kept, but on the 19th was missing.

Yesterday Deputy Sheriffs Cushman, Tinkham and Constable Cady of Barnard searched the Spaulding home from ridge-board to earth and found some faint clues, so that Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding were placed under arrest on the charge of larceny. After arriving at the Bassom House in this village, Mrs. Spaulding was permitted to change her apparel with the assistance of Mrs. Emery. The woman refused to change her hosiery, whereupon the hotel madam made a search and found \$75 in large denomination bills.

A hearing before Justice R. J. Flint was had by State's Attorney Batchelder of Woodstock; Wallace N. Batchelder of Bethel for Mr. Waldo, and Esquire Joe Dennison of Randolph for the Spauldings. Sufficient grounds were not found to hold Mr. Spaulding, but Mrs. Spaulding was bound over to county court in the sum of \$300.00 which was quickly furnished by a relative.

CORY RENOMINATED.

Montpelier's Mayor Gets It by Acclamation.

Montpelier, Feb. 25.—Mayor Frank M. Cory was renominated last evening at a citizens' caucus. Mr. Cory was called upon to speak and in a few words pledged himself to give the city a business administration for another year as he has for the past two years if he be elected on March 7. The other officers nominated were as follows: City clerk and treasurer, Timothy R. Merrill; city sheriff, Calvin R. Parmenter; constables, Charles A. Smith, Elmer R. Clark; grand juror, Benjamin Gates; lister for three years, John J. Glennie; auditors, Melville E. Smilie, Arthur G. Eaton and Levi H. Bixby; commissioner of Green Mount Cemetery for five years, Charles H. Heaton; park commissioner for five years, Jesse S. Viles.

The only contests were over city sheriff and constable. Parmenter was nominated on the second ballot over C. DeF. Bancroft, the present incumbent, and W. B. Worthing, and former deputy sheriff M. M. Fitzgerald was defeated for constable by Mr. Clark.

FIRST DISTRICT MASONS.

Held at South Royalton With 125 Present.

South Royalton, Feb. 25.—Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, yesterday acted as host to the First Masonic District, presided over by W. M. D. D. G. M. George E. Mosher of Rochester. Vermont Lodge, No. 18, of Windsor demonstrated the first degree on a candidate in a very impressive manner in the afternoon. The banquet was served by the O. E. S. at the Congregational vestry, where covers were laid for one hundred and fifty.

At the evening's communication, the local lodge exemplified the third degree on one candidate, who was the son of the presiding worshipful master, Dr. E. J. Fish and the obligation was administered by a brother of the candidate, Dr. Fish of Massachusetts, who used with an extraordinary impressiveness the Massachusetts obligation. Seven grand officers were present.

PRELIMINARY HEARING.

Fred W. Johnson Is Held For Shooting His Brother.

South Londonderry, Feb. 25.—Fred W. Johnson, charged with shooting his brother, Jay, in Winhall, Wednesday, was arraigned before Justice Williams at Bondville yesterday afternoon. On motion of the state's attorney further proceedings were postponed to March 15 to await action by Attorney General Fitts, now in Washington.

Bail for the accused was fixed at \$2,000, and up to this time he has failed to secure bondsmen.

An autopsy was held on the body of the dead man yesterday. Two bullets were found, one entering the body just below the shoulder blade, the other in the back.

CAUGHT DISEASE.

Henry F. Childs of Montpelier Died of Pneumonia.

Montpelier, Feb. 25.—Henry F. Childs, aged 60 years, and one of the most popular men of this city, died last night after a week's illness with pneumonia. Two weeks ago the deceased cared for Ira Eastman, who had pneumonia, and it is supposed that he contracted the disease then. He was taken with the first chill when nursing Mr. Eastman. He lived on Berlin side.

ICE GOING OUT.

Relief Is Being Felt Along the White River.

Bethel, Feb. 25.—The ice in the White River begins to break. Along the shores it is fast losing its hold and water appears, while in places in mid-stream, great places are bulging open. The great anxiety of disastrous work by the spring freshet is greatly relieved.

POLICE CHIEF
NEXT VICTIM

Russia's Terrorism Continues
Unabated

THE ASSASSINS ESCAPED

Three Strikers Killed Head of Police
Department of Baku — Another
Report Received in
London.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Three strikers this morning assassinated Kondratov, chief of police of Baku. The assassins escaped.

This probably is the same assassination referred to by the Reuter's Telegram company.

A DIFFERENT REPORT.

Reuter's Telegram Company Gets News
of the Assassination.

London, Feb. 25.—Reuter's Telegram company reports that the prefect of police at Batoum, Russia, has been assassinated.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED.

At Balu, Scene of Serious Street
Fights.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Martial law has been declared at Balu, the scene of serious street fights between Armenians and Mohammedans.

DECISION ADVERSE
TO THE RUSSIANS

North Sea Inquiry Finds That They
Were Not Justified in Firing on
the Dogger Bank
Fleet.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The decision of the North Sea inquiry commission was made public this morning. It was adverse to the Russians. The decision states that Admiral Rodjestravsky was not justified in firing on the Dogger Bank fleet.

Russian Fleet Sighted.

London, Feb. 25.—A Russian battleship, four cruisers and several colliers, presumably part of the Russian third Baltic fleet, passed Dover this morning, going west.

Captured German Colliers.

Tokio, Feb. 25.—The Japanese have captured the German collier, Severn, bound for Vladivostok.

Statehood Bill Goes to Conference.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Senate today sent the statehood bill to a conference.

SHOT IN THE ARM.

William Hartson of Plainfield Injured
While Hunting.

Plainfield, Feb. 25.—Friday afternoon William Hartson, a young man of this place, while hunting about one-half a mile from the village at the Cate farm, accidentally shot himself, while climbing over a fence. The charge of shot passed through the bone of the arm below the elbow, causing a severe wound. He was able to walk unassisted to his home. Drs. Gale and Brown were called to dress the wound and his condition is reported to be comfortable at this writing.

HIGH ROLLERS.

Eurekas Defeated the Eagles on Local
Alleys Last Evening.

The Eurekas defeated the Eagles last evening by taking two out of three strings at Alexander's alleys. Fraser was high man, his total being 592.

THE SCORE:			
EUREKAS.			
Smith	163	186	191—540
Keith	163	168	150—481
Fraser	198	192	202—592
Page	182	179	150—511
Walsh	184	185	189—558
EAGLES.			
Reid	137	153	159—449
Douglass	181	176	232—589
Thompson	176	141	170—487
Mudgett	182	191	211—584
Averill	174	185	188—547
GRAND TOTAL.			
	890	910	862—2662

GRAND ORIENT MET.

Twenty-Four Candidates Stepped on the
Hot Sands.

The Grand Orient met in Miles Hall last evening and sent 24 candidates over the hot sands.

After the initiations a sumptuous banquet was served to the large number present.

Shirt and Collar Man Dead.

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 25.—William S. Earl, senior member of the firm of Earl & Wilson, shirt and collar manufacturer, died this morning, aged 83.

MAYOR CORY'S
MEN STRIKE

The Entire Force of Colton
Works Quit Work

AND SHOP IS NOW CLOSED

Men Protested Against Discharge of
Spokesman of Polishing Depart-
ment, Who Presented
Demands.

Montpelier, Feb. 25.—Because nine young men who are employed in the Colton Manufacturing shops, where saddle and hardware are made, went out on a strike and their demands had not been acquiesced in, the whole force in the shops quit work this morning, and declared they would not go back until a settlement is reached. About 65 men walked out this morning. The business, in which Mayor Cory is one of the principal owners, is one of the largest in the city.

Three days ago nine employees in the polishing department demanded higher wages, asking for an increase of two dollars per week. They were getting from \$5 to \$9. They presented their demands to the superintendent, Fred M. Benway. Shortly afterwards the spokesman of the nine employees, Raymond Paine, was discharged. The other eight in the polishing shop left then, claiming Paine's discharge was due to his prominence in presenting the demands. The company claims his discharge was not due to that, but to the man's laziness.

This morning a committee of the strikers called upon Harry S. Colton, who has immediate charge of the business and objected to the discharge of Paine. They were told that Paine loafed and that was the reason for the discharge. His presenting the demands and nothing to do with the discharge. They were not satisfied with their wages, and they thought the original strikers had done the right thing when he reduced their demands to one dollar. They declared it was unjust for the company to discharge Clarence Lull when he had refused to go to work in the polishing department.

The employees of the Colton shop have no union.

THE ROBINS PRESS
COMMITTEE GETS BUSY

Makes Comparisons of Expenditures
Under Mayor Barclay's Adminis-
tration With Ex-Mayors Jack-
son and Melcher.

[Communicated.]

Mayor Barclay has spent for current expenses this year \$14,399 more than Mayor Jackson and \$7,515 more than Mayor Melcher. This is shown when their expenses are compared on a rational basis, and this, too, when Mayor Barclay is given all the advantage coming from a large grand list, and at the same time, he has not accomplished as much in the street department as was accomplished by either of his predecessors, and as we all know, this is his pet department and the one in which he made such glowing promises one year ago.

In spite of these facts (which will be shown below) he comes out the night before the city caucuses with a platform which contains the following false statement. A statement which doubtless deceived many people who did not examine it critically, and who relied upon the Mayor's reputation for honesty and thorough business capacity. He says: "A great deal of misunderstanding seems to exist in regard to the city's finances and the impression has been conveyed by some newspapers that the city has run behind during the past year, when the facts will not bear this out, as the following figures will show. Cash balance of the general city fund December 31, 1903, amounted to \$7,101.29; cash balance of school fund, December 31, 1903, amounted to \$2,906.16, making a total cash balance of \$10,007.45. Cash balance of general city fund, December 31, 1904, \$790.35, cash balance of school fund, Dec. 31, 1904, \$10,045.75, making a total cash balance of \$11,436.10, or an increase over 1903 of \$1,428.65. These are facts which should be understood by the voters when they pass their judgment on the present city government."

By this statement, the Mayor would like the people to believe that the city has, for current expenses, in the treasury \$1,428.65 more than there was one year ago, and implies that this amount measures the economy of his administration as compared with his predecessors.

He forgets that the only function which the city council has in school matters is to collect certain taxes and funds and turn them over to the school account, and when they are so turned over, they can never be recalled to pay current expenses of the city. Therefore, Mr. Barclay should not use the cash balance of the school fund in his computations.

In his comparison, he shows the same superficiality that a business man would show, if he found out at the end of the year whether he has gained or lost money during the year, he should simply compare his bank deposit with his bank deposit of a year ago, and at the same time fail to take out of his present

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WAS CLOSE GAME.
But Goddard Basket Ball Team Won
Out Over Waterbury, 21 to 20.

At Waterbury last evening the Goddard seminary basket ball team captured a game from the Waterbury high school, the score being 21 to 20, after an extremely close game. The deciding basket was thrown in the last seconds of the game. The lucky Jack Fraser put ten in for Goddard in good style, while Waterbury's center, Warren, played the best game for the home team.

The Waterbury high school girls showed no mercy for the Stows girls and won, 36 to 11. The line up of the boys' game was as follows:

GODDARD. WATERBURY
Pike, r. f. J. G. Smith
Butler, l. f. F. G. Smith
Fraser, c. F. G. Smith
Baldwin, Clark, l. g. F. G. Smith
Briggs, r. g. F. G. Smith
Fouls, on Goddard 3, on Waterbury 4; baskets on fouls, Fraser 4, Warren 1; referee, Carley; umpire, Hosmer; timekeeper, Atkins; scorer, Boyce; 20 and 15 minute halves.

RESULT NOT DECISIVE.

Cribbage Match Last Evening Resulted
in Even Break.

The cribbage game last evening between the Clan Gordon and F. of A. teams resulted in an even thing, each team winning at four tables. The result by tables was as follows: Milne and Marshall, C. G., defeated Mackie and Alexander, F. of A.; Scott and Milne, C. G., defeated Smith and Clark, F. of A.; Smart and Booth, C. G., defeated Williams and Evans, F. of A.; Inglis and Elrick, C. G., defeated Borgh and Stevens, F. of A.; Gibb and Smith, F. of A., defeated Emble and McLeod, C. G.; Morrison and Oliver, F. of A., defeated Shaw and Gordon, C. G.; Veale and Patterson, F. of A., defeated McLeod and Riddell, C. G.; Anderson and Flynn, F. of A., defeated Jell and Smith, C. G.

The C. O. F. and C. G. teams play Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock sharp on account of the stone cutters' meeting.

The cribbage league standing:			
	P.	W.	L.
C. O. F.	112	63	49 .563
C. G.	112	57	55 .509
R. M.	112	56	56 .500
F. of A.	112	55	57 .490
M. U.	112	53	59 .473
I. O. O. F. . . .	112	52	60 .464

FIFTY-ONE NAMES
TO BE STRICKEN OFF

That Number of Citizens Will Lose
Votes This Year for Non-Pay-
ment of Their 1904
Taxes.

A meeting of the Board of Civil Authority was held last evening, at which time the check lists were inspected and 51 names on them were marked for removal from the lists because of non-payment of taxes. Notice will be sent to each one to show cause why their names should not be removed, and failing to do so, they will be stricken from the lists. The meeting adjourned until Monday evening to further consider the check list delinquents for 1903 tax payers.

DIED AT HOSPITAL.

Joseph Lavelle Was Operated on For
Appendicitis.

Joseph Lavelle died at 1 o'clock this morning at the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington, as the result of an operation for appendicitis, which was performed last Tuesday.

Mr. Lavelle had worked in this city for about four years, first in the meat markets of M. W. Scribner and more recently at Smith Brothers' market. He was exceedingly well liked, both by his employers and by everyone who dealt with him.

He was 27 years of age and was married but three years ago, living since his marriage in the house which he had purchased on Warren street.

Besides his wife Mr. Lavelle leaves a father, mother, and a brother and sister. His brother is employed in the Lane manufactory at Montpelier, and his parents live in Richmond.

The deceased was a member of the Foresters. His body will be brought to this city tonight and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

FRED HANNON DEAD.

Young Man Aged 20 Years Died Last
Night.

Fred Hannon, aged 20 years, died at 10 o'clock last evening at his rooms in the Miles' block after a short illness with lung trouble. He had worked at his trade as toolsharpening at the shed of Anderson & Sons until a few weeks ago, when he became so low that he had to give up work. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Kate Hannon, a sister, Mrs. Patrick Noonan, and a brother, John Hannon. The funeral will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Monica's church. The interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

MRS. DREW SELLS OUT.

Disposes of Her Interest in Northern to
M. F. Harrington.

Mrs. Sarah A. Drew of the firm of W. H. Noonan & Co., proprietors of the Northern Hotel, has disposed of her interest in the hotel lease and business to M. F. Harrington, possession being given today. Mrs. Drew retains her interest in the hotel license until May 1st. Mr. Harrington is a well known and popular young man of the city, and his many friends will be pleased to learn that he has secured an interest in the business.

NEW RECTOR
ARRIVES

Rev. Charles E. Freeman For
Episcopal Church

ASSUMES DUTIES AT ONCE

The Rev. Mr. Freeman Has Been Chap-
lain of St. Luke's Hospital in New
York City for Twelve and
One-Half Years.

The Rev. Charles E. Freeman of New York city has been chosen as rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, to succeed the Rev. Brian C. Roberts, who went to a Rochester, Mass., church recently. The Rev. Mr. Freeman is already in the city, having arrived last evening, and will take charge of the services of the church tomorrow. There will be Holy Communion at 9:45 a.m., followed by the morning prayer and sermon at 10:30 o'clock. The evening service will commence at 7 o'clock.

The new rector has had considerable experience in church and mission work. After being graduated from the General Theological seminary in New York he entered upon mission work and then went to a church in Waterford, N. Y. From Waterford he was called to become chaplain of St. Luke's hospital in New York. He has held the position there during the past twelve and one-half years, giving up that work to come to the Episcopal society of Barre.

HOW TO REACH AND
HOLD YOUNG MEN

Subject of Admirable Paper by James
D. Grant at Sunday School In-
stitute Held Yesterday
Afternoon.

A Sunday school institute for the churches of this city and vicinity was held in the Universalist church parlors yesterday afternoon and evening, under the direction of Rev. E. M. Fuller of Burlington, the field secretary of the Vermont Sunday school association. The general subject of the afternoon's work was "The Sunday School—Its Work." The first speaker was Mrs. S. H. Barnes, on "The Teacher in Preparation of the Lesson." Following this paper a few suggestions were offered as to the best way in which to find interesting things for the lesson. Dr. O. G. Stickney spoke for a few minutes on the "Teacher Before His Class." The last paper of the afternoon was read by James D. Grant, on "What Can Be Done to Interest and Hold the Young Men in the Sunday School?" This paper summed up the situation admirably. He said in part:

"I think that if we can solve the first part of this problem, the second will be easy. If the young men are really and truly interested they will stay. To interest the young men in the Sunday school we must make the Sunday school interesting. Much depends on the teacher. If a teacher fails to interest his class, so as to hold them, there is something out of gear somewhere, and it would be much better in my opinion to change the teacher and save the class, than try to retain the teacher in a place for which he is manifestly unsuited and lose the class of young men, on whom you depend so much for material to carry on the work in the future."

"Now, if we cannot get the mountain to come to Mohamet, we can do the next best thing and bring Mohamet to the mountain, the result being just the same. If our object is to get hold of the young men and bring them under Christian influences, and if we cannot get the young men to come to Sunday school, and so come under those influences, would it not be wise to bring the Bible and its message to the young men in some other way? I.e., if we could get some consecrated and devoted man or woman, pastor or layman, with the necessary spirit and qualifications, to take up an independent Bible class in our city, I think we could reach many young men who do not attend any Sunday school."

"Now let us ask the question, 'Where should the influences be started that are to lead the young man to the Sunday school and hold him there? Just here a great mistake is often made, and our well-meant efforts are begun too late. We let the boy get too much momentum in the wrong direction before we try to switch him onto the line that leads to the Sunday school.'"

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." How can you train up a child in the way he should go if you do not go that way yourself? So I think the first step toward securing the interest of the young man in the Sunday school should be taken in the home, and the first responsibility in the matter rests upon the parents. If every father regularly attended Sunday school himself and took enough interest in it to go over the lesson at home with his boys, there would be no young men's problem in connection with the Sunday school. Fathers, if you wish to see the young men in the Sunday school, if you wish to see your boy there when he becomes a young man—see to it that you spend much time with him now, in that direction. It will be the best investment of your spare time that you ever made."

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